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Frank Dabbs/MVP Staff

An estimated 100 volunteers wrapped presents for the Christmas Helpers hampers Dec. 18 at Zion church. Joyce Amstutz (l) helps her husband Willis measure gift paper and Josh Tanasichuk prepares a card for a hamper.

Open invitation to Christmas dinner

BY FRANK DABBS
 MVP Staff

The 20 volunteers preparing Didsbury's community Christmas dinner will cook for 185 – the largest gathering in the eight years since the feast was founded.

"We expect families, seniors, singles, even field crews who can't go home because no restaurants are opened on Christmas Day. We invite anyone who wants to join us," said organizer Donnaly McNeil Dec. 18.

The dinner will be held in the Elks Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. on Christmas Day.

"Eight years ago 47 people attended, last year we had 160 and this year we expect 185," McNeil said.

"Everything is home-cooked, everyone is welcome. Donations to pay for the groceries are gratefully accepted and the proceeds are given to the Westglan middle school breakfast program," she said.

McNeil and Ursula Krebs co-ordinate the event that McNeil joined when the McNeil family decided that instead of exchanging gifts they would help community endeavours.

McNeil's daughter Renee asked around and learned that a Christmas dinner that Linda Sirr had put on for

years at the Zion church had just been cancelled because there were no volunteer cooks.

As McNeil tells the story, Renee said to her, "guess what, Mom? You're cooking."

The following year, McNeil's close friend Ursula Krebs who owned Ulla-La Boutique at the time volunteered to help her and the two ladies' names are now synonymous with the dinner.

"Like many people in the community, you step up to the plate when you have to. Donnaly needed some help so we decided to do it together," Krebs said.

"We have about 20 volunteers help,

so many that we almost need a volunteer to organize the volunteers," she said.

"A Didsbury community Christmas Day dinner has been an annual event for a good 35 years," said Linda Sirrs. It started at the Zion church (then located in the downtown historic core) with a couple named the Johnsons who were members of the church.

When they had to give it up, Linda Sirr and the Christmas Helpers did it until the Christmas hamper program grew so much that Sirr passed it on to McNeil and Krebs.

"The dinner gathering just keeps on getting bigger and bigger," said McNeil.



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Christmas Helpers



Photos by Frank Dabbs/MVP Staff

Some of the estimated 100 Christmas Helpers who wrapped gifts and filled 140 hampers with groceries and gifts Dec. 18 at the annual volunteer-in organized annually for Didsbury families.



Volunteer Esther Koelstra of Olds wraps a gift for a Christmas Helpers hamper. The Zion church gymnasium and foyer were busy with volunteers on Dec. 18 wrapping angel gifts for children and their parents, and packaging up non-perishable groceries for 140 hampers. Organizers Linda Sims and Linda Regner were busy encouraging the volunteers and helping them solve the many problems that arose as teams organized the hampers and got the gifts and greeting cards ready to be included.



Eagle Hill 4-H leader Tanya Schaber and Mattea Clarke tape up a present at the annual Christmas Helpers gift wrapping bee held Dec. 18 in the foyer and gymnasium of Zion church.

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Arrest made in historical homicide investigation

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

A Calgary man has been charged with first-degree murder in a historical homicide investigation dating back to 2007 and was expected to appear in Didsbury provincial court yesterday.

The body of Allan Gerald Berdahl, a 36-year-old Calgary man, was found

near a gravel road east of Carstairs on March 16, 2007.

Investigators from the K Division RCMP Historical Homicide Unit arrested and charged 49-year-old Russell Steven Tessier, also from Calgary, with first-degree murder on Dec. 17.

Tessier is currently being held in custody in Calgary and was expected

to appear in court via closed-circuit television on Dec. 21. He had not appeared as of press time.

The eight-year investigation involved the Calgary RCMP Major Crime Unit and the RCMP Forensic Identification Section.

According to an Alberta RCMP press release issued on Dec. 21, Berdahl's body was found early in the morning

on March 16 by two members of the public 12 kilometres east of Highway 2 on Highway 581 and approximately a half kilometre north on Rge. Rd. 282.

"Investigators collected evidence, conducted numerous interviews and followed every lead and tip in an effort to identify who was responsible for this homicide," reads the release.

Theft investigation leads to arrests

On Thursday, Dec. 3, Sundre RCMP responded to a rural residential break and enter where numerous items were stolen.

With assistance from the Olds/Sundre/Didsbury Crime Reduction team, the investigation led police to a trailer in the Balzac area. On Thursday, Dec. 10, a search warrant was executed at the trailer resulting in the seizure of many of the reported stolen items from the break and enter along with several

pieces of stolen mail.

Brandon Phipps and Shayanne Ost, both from the Balzac area, are jointly charged with 27 counts including possession of stolen property under and over \$5,000 and trafficking in stolen property. Phipps is also charged with break and enter and Ost is further charged with three counts of breaching her release conditions. Both accused have been released by the Justice of the Peace for a court appearance

in Didsbury on Monday, Jan. 11.

Canada Post investigators are assisting in contacting the victims of the mail thefts and getting the mail returned. RCMP are also looking to identify the owners of a Red Coleman air compressor along with two bumper pull trailer-style hitch-hikes that were recovered. If anyone from the public is missing these items, please contact the Sundre RCMP detachment at 403-638-3675 to further identify the items.

Checkstops planned throughout the holidays

BY PATRICIA RILEY
MVP Staff

Didsbury RCMP officers will be conducting checkstops in the Didsbury, Carstairs and Cremona area over the holiday season to try and crack down on impaired driving.

But Cpl. Clint Gulash said they haven't arrested as many impaired drivers over the last few years because people expect enforcement to be kicked up a notch.

And that's exactly what officers are going for.

"A lot of people know that we're going to be out there with all the Christmas parties and stuff," said Gulash.

"So in the years that I've been working as a police officer I've actually seen our statistics go down for December for impaired driving," he said.

"It's all about having safe roadways for everyone and making sure everyone gets home to their families or whatever function that they're going to safely."

Didsbury RCMP officers recently participated in a province-wide checkstop blitz on Dec. 4, which resulted in the arrest of 153 impaired drivers across Alberta.

Officers conducted checkstops in 259 locations across the province and stopped more than 20,500 vehicles.

This year, 46 drivers were

charged with impaired driving, while 70 people were charged in 2014.

There were 73 roadside suspensions due to alcohol while last year there were 71 and there were 34 roadside suspensions due to drugs while last year there were 24.

"Albertans of all ages need to understand that driving after using drugs, even prescription drugs, can be just as dangerous as drinking and driving," Ian Lawson from Alberta RCMP Traffic Services said in a press release.

December is impaired driving awareness month and officers across the province are planning on conducting checkstops throughout the holidays.



Who do you know... that is celebrating any of these special events? • Birth of a child • Wedding • Special Anniversary: 25, 40, 50, 60, etc.

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Opinion

Commentary

Winter solstice is a time of hope

At this season of the year, people do not celebrate equally.

Thankfully, many of us find this a season of light, music and laughter. Family and friends join hands in fellowship. But there is also cold and hunger, loneliness and cheerlessness.

Charles Dickens wrote, "It is at Christmastime that want is most keenly felt."

In Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, two business colleagues asked Ebenezer Scrooge to contribute to a Christmas fund for the needy. He replied, "Are there no prisons? And the workhouses - are they still in operation?"

Reassured that prisons and workhouses were still open, Scrooge gave nothing to the Christmas fund. He didn't see the need.

Were he alive 170 years later, Scrooge might ask, "Is there no social assistance? And homeless shelters - are they still in operation?"

In the 21st century that word has come to mean a "handout". It can embarrass the receiver and make the giver self-righteous. However charity is a word with a deeper, richer meaning.

In Latin, *caritas* is love, derived from *carus* - a thing we hold dear. In ancient French, *charité*; in old English *charity* and St. Paul's words when translated by King James' biblical scholars are: Now abideth faith, hope and charity, and the greatest of these is charity.

Over time charity came to mean kindness and love of human kind. Now it is commonly used to mean voluntarily helping others.

At its heart, charity draws on our compassionate concern for those around us who are needier than we are. The Greeks had a couple of words for this kind of love - "storge" or empathy and "philia" or friendship.

This Christmas will bring more disparity than usual because of the wretched economy. The gap between the laden and the sparsely laid tables will be wide. The sense of parental failure will run deep in many homes on Christmas morning.

It is part of the Didsbury tradition to mark the Christmas season with charity, and this year it is needed - and welcomed - more than in past years. Christmas, hope and promise are ever bound together both for those who will rejoice in abundance and for those who will be graced by our charity.

In the dark season of our longest night,
In the drawing closer to the fire;
In the drowsy hours before midnight,
In the hot, sweet coals of memory,
In the gathering in of the long year;

In the low sun casting shadows off trees
Over the crisp dry snow of afternoon;
In the lights of the streets striking sparks
Across the encompassing arm of night;

Now is the advent of our deepest hope
In frail flesh, in a single spoken word,
In the healing of old wounds and old hurts,
In ending of uncertainties and fears,
In the ending of mysterious night;

In the promise, promise, oh, the promise.



Letters

Bill 6 is about confidence in the government

An open letter to the Premier

All the rallies, texts, emails, editorials and news coverage on Bill 6 are much more than the bill itself.

Premier Notley, this is about the confidence of Albertans in the provincial government to have the ability to put forth legislation in a bill that follows democratic, clear and transparent language. Rules for the creation of a bill must be followed. Stakeholders need to be informed and given their right to consultation before a bill is made law. You failed to do this; consequently, you have offended the farmers/ranchers of this province! Premier Notley, Bill 6 has united voters in a massive protest. The people of Alberta are telling you that you need to lead by example and by a dictatorship! Metaphorically, this government is a ship that has drifted off course and found itself in waters with perilous dangers below the surface, much like ships in the Bermuda Triangle or the Great Lakes disaster of the Edmond Fitzgerald! Do you really want your

reputation and career to sink like a floundering ship in dangerous waters?

Premier, please grab the wheel of this ship and sail it to safer waters. If you continue this course, you will lose the confidence and respect of a significant number of the citizens of this province that you claim to represent.

Please send Bill 6 back to committee and follow due process. Respect our farmers and consult with them and all other stakeholders. I immigrated to this great province 35 years ago during the reign of Pierre Elliott Trudeau. Our present economic woes are not new. Oil markets are volatile and have always been so. Bill 6 will undermine our agriculture market and increase our economic problems. Now is the time for all Albertans to unite and work together to demonstrate that we are strong and prepared to put all Albertans first and foremost!

Alex Pratt
Didsbury

Calgary-based brokerage closure not affecting Wildrose

On Monday, Dec. 14 Royal LePage Foothills of Calgary announced that they were closing their six offices and under the supervision of the Real Estate Council of Alberta, all customer deposits were moved in trust to two other large brokerages in the city. Royal LePage Foothills is independently-owned and one of 37 licensed brokerages Royal LePage has under franchise in the province. It is comforting to know that all customer funds are and were fully

protected in trust.

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Mel Crothers
Broker, Royal LePage Wildrose Real Estate
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WCB is open for farm business

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

With 2.1 million workers in Alberta covered by Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) insurance, the admission of farm workers is not expected to be burdensome, says a spokesperson for the WCB.

"We are not concerned about numbers," Dayna Therien told the Didsbury Review on Dec. 17.

The biggest task is to make sure the WCB understands the kind of work farm workers do and the type of coverage they will need, Therien said.

Some 1,800 agricultural operations now have optional coverage, so the WCB will not be flying blind when it adds the farms that must insure their workers under the new legislation.

Those who want insurance coverage for their family members, although it is not mandatory, can obtain optional coverage, Therien said.

The rates that will be charged for the no-fault WCB insurance vary, depending on the type of operation and risk. Agri-tourism farms, greenhouses, market gardens, mushroom producers and bait farms will pay \$1.70 per \$100 of insurable earnings in 2016, says the WCB website.

Apiaries, fish and fur farms, goat, sheep, hog and poultry and egg farmers will pay \$1.75 per \$100 of insurable earnings. Forage, peat moss processing, hay, grain and crop farms and custom hay and baling operators will pay \$2.25 per \$100 of insurable earnings.

Beef, elk, bison, llama and alpaca producers, dairy farms, livestock auctions and stockyards and riding academies and horse stables will pay the top rate of \$2.97 per \$100 of insurable earnings.

The WCB does customer satisfaction surveys each year and supports a system that lets injured workers appeal their case if they are not happy about their compensation, Therien said.

"The appeal numbers are low and it is a well-functioning system, she said.

"Our mandate is to help people get back to work," said Therien.

A case manager is assigned to a worker who suffers a serious lost-time injury and if that worker can't resume the type of work in which they were injured, WCB assists in finding an alternative, she said.

Town ask for committee volunteers

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Town of Didsbury officials are asking for four volunteers, three to join the Heritage Advisory Board and one for the Inter-Municipal Subdivision Appeal Board.

Council will appoint the volunteers to the committees immediately, said Christopher Atchison, manager of legislative and development services.

"Success in our community relies heavily on the effort and dedication of numerous volunteers," said Atchison.

"Their tireless work makes our town a great community to live,

work and play," he said Dec. 18 when making the request for new members for the two committees.

The Heritage Advisory Committee provides suggestions to council on matters of historical importance to the Town of Didsbury.

This committee has designated properties as Municipal Historical Resources over the last few years as well as dealing with other items contained in the Heritage Management Plan.

The committee is also creating guidelines for Didsbury's historic downtown area to ensure that its historic feel and character is maintained.

The Inter-Municipal Subdivision Appeal Board meets infrequently and as needed to hear appeals from people affected by decisions of the Joint Inter-Municipal Planning Commission. The town would give preference to a volunteer that has experience with planning or development.

The two bodies have public meetings and volunteers could attend a meeting before applying to learn what the committee is all about before applying, Atchison said.

Atchison said that further information about the Heritage Advisory Committee, Subdivision Appeal Board or other committees can call him at 403-335-3391.



Christmas Deadlines

The December 29
Mountain View Gazette
Sales DEADLINE is

Tuesday, December 22 at noon.

All ads MUST BE APPROVED by 3 pm Dec. 23

The December 29 Innisfail Province,
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Sales DEADLINE is 5 pm on Tuesday, December 22.

All ads MUST BE APPROVED by 3 pm December 23.

The January 5 Mountain View Gazette

Sales DEADLINE is noon Tuesday, December 29.

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The January 5 Innisfail Province, Carstairs Courier, Didsbury Review, Sundre Round Up and Olds Albertan.

Sales DEADLINE is Tuesday, December 29 at 3 pm.

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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday December 22, 2015 at 6:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday January 13, 2016 at 4:30 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403.335.3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on January 4, 2016.

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Rick,
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Advent 2012

The long, slow journey
This year to Bethlehem
Through thick morning fog
With geese crying overhead
Unseen.

The long, slow journey
This year to Bethlehem
Through empty miles
Made longer and slower with a strange
Foreboding.

The long, slow journey
This year to Bethlehem
Through the unstoping snow,
The fatiguing bone-chill and
Dampness.

The long, slow journey
This year to Bethlehem,
The cold, smoky cooking fires,
The half-cooked food, falsely
Steaming.

The long, slow journey
This year to Bethlehem,
Doubting all the while
The worth of the journey,
Regretting.

When we finally arrived
in the rain, we bivouacked
in a cavernous, smelly stable
With a leaking roof and wet straw
Bedding.

We were not the first sheltering there;
A young woman had given birth,
To ward off the darkness and the rain
The midwife swaddled the infant in
the father's cloak, he now
Shivering.

I gave him my spare wool cape,
We made a fire pit and a fire,
Same damp wood from the journey
But unexpectedly luminous and warm,
Comforting.

It was the new child
Who fully warmed the place
As babies often do;
His first experimental gurgles with
Rejoicing.

And his calm brown eyes
Quiet, observant, wise.
Before you object, I know a newborn
Cannot think these thoughts –
nonetheless he was
Reassuring.

Shepherds crowded in after us,
Taking shelter from the rain and
Surrounding the baby, curious I think,
Pushing us against walls lighted
only by
Flickering.

We were glad of the chance to sleep,
and
Made our rough and ready beds,
Not suitable for learned men of our
stature
Even traveling incognito, but we slept
for the first time
Peaceably.

In the morning, we parted with the
couple and the babe,
Giving them one of our donkeys
and gold
As ready money for their journey
onward into Egypt
And frankincense and myrrh as trade
goods; they gave us
Blessings.

The long, slow journey
This year home from Bethlehem
Through quiet miles, each with his
own thoughts;
Sorting out and summing up our
encounter with the
Mystery.

Frank Dabbs
December 25, 2012

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May our hearts also be filled with love and goodwill.

As we enter this season of giving during a time of
uncertainty. Let us embrace those who have felt the
pressures of this year.

We are a kind and generous people,
let us care for our fellow community members.

From my family to yours,
have a Merry Christmas and
happy and safe New Year.

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In the beauty of this Holy Season, may you find His message of

HOPE & JOY

Christmas Blessings

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'Tis the season

Santa through time

Every Christmas Eve, children go to bed eagerly anticipating a visit from Santa Claus. This merry gentleman is purported to visit the home of every good girl and boy, delivering gifts and cheer along the way.

Before the modern evolution of Santa Claus lived a very real and generous individual named Nicholas. In the third century, Nicholas served as the Bishop of Myrna in present-day Turkey. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving, believing that giving should be done secretly and sacrificially in Jesus Christ's name rather than one's own.

Stories tell of Nicholas paying the dowry for poor daughters to enable them to get married. He reportedly put coins in the shoes of those who left them out for him. It is believed Nicholas helped to restore the hope of hundreds of people in his community, making him a beloved and revered Bishop. Throughout his ministry, Nicholas fervently shared his life and fortune with others.

Nicholas continued to be revered and commemorated by many Christians even after his death. His charity and unselfish works helped inspire generations of the faithful, and he eventually was named the patron saint of everyone from merchants to sailors to pawnbrokers.

No one really knows what St. Nicholas looked like. But in 2005, a forensic laboratory in England reviewed

historical data and photographs of the remains taken from St. Nicholas' grave in the 1950s. Researchers concluded that he was a small man, perhaps no more than five feet in height, with a broken nose.

This image certainly does not fit with the robust frame and other imagery awarded St. Nicholas in more modern years. St. Nicholas is believed to be the inspiration for Santa Claus, which was a name taken from the Dutch Sinterklaas, a contracted form of Sint Nicolass, or St. Nicholas.


Tales of the real St. Nicholas' giving spirit were blended with a fictional personification by New York-based newspaper writers who blended the St. Nicholas name with the appearance of a Dutch town citizen. The goal was to reach out to the primarily Dutch immigrants living in New York at the time. This jolly elf image was given a boost by the publication of A Visit From St. Nicholas, which was published around the same time.

Eventually, the merry Santa Claus portrayal began to outshine the more accurate St. Nicholas version as a religious man, fostered by political drawings and caricatures that depicted Santa as a chubby sort in a red suit. That image prevails to this day.

Beneath the Christmas symbolism, the beard and the presents associated with Santa Claus lies a tale of generosity that originated with St. Nicholas.



File photo
This merry gentleman is purported to visit the home of every good girl and boy, delivering gifts and cheer along the way.



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'Tis the season

Five ways to make baking memories

In most houses, fresh-from-the-oven cookies don't last long – especially around the holidays. What does last however, are the memories shared with loved ones baking in a warm kitchen and the satisfaction of enjoying a delicious treat (or two!) made from scratch.

Anna Olson, celebrity chef and host of Food Network Canada's Bake with Anna Olson, knows just how great spending time in the kitchen can be at this time of year.

"Holiday baking always stirs up mem-

ories for me of spending time with my loved ones," says Olson. "Laughing over spilt ingredients, sneaking a bit of chocolate here and there, watching cookies rise and smelling the sweet aroma of sugar, butter and vanilla."

To make your own memories this season, why not try a few of Anna's favourite baking tips for the most festive time of the year:

1. Start with the basics. Olson suggests stocking your kitchen with essential ingredients. Keeping the basics like

flour, sugar, eggs, butter, nuts, dried fruit and chocolate chips on hand means you are ready to start baking at any time.

2. Make it fun. Play your favourite music or holiday tunes to really get you in a festive spirit. Singing and dancing around the kitchen can be just as fun as the baking process.

3. Get inspired. Instead of adding just regular chocolate chips, for example, brighten up the cookies with different flavours, like the variety offered by Hershey's Chipits. Having fun ingredi-

ents in your pantry will help avoid a baking rut.

4. Change it up. When it comes to holiday baking we often think of the classics, like decorated sugar and gingerbread cookies, but know that you can branch out and try something modern like cake pops, or whoopie pies with a holiday twist.

5. Or keep it simple. Never underestimate the power of a chocolate chip cookie. Wonderful memories can be made even over the simplest recipe.

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'Tis the season Origins of Christmas traditions

Many Christmas traditions are older than some celebrants might think.

The tradition of lighting up a Christmas tree, for example, dates back to the days before Christmas lights. Before electric-powered twinkle lights were invented

and even before electricity was discovered, people used actual candles to adorn the Christmas tree.

As one can imagine, having an open flame next to a dried-out tree was risky, so it was customary to keep a bucket of water next to the tree in

the case of fire.

As if fire wasn't enough, the tinsel used to decorate trees was made from strips of silver and even lead – something that is now known to be a health hazard to adults and children alike.

The song Winter Wonder-

land has become a staple of holiday radio. Much like Jingle Bells, Winter Wonderland was not intentionally written to become a Christmas carol, but evolved into one over time.

The song was published in 1934 by composer Felix

Bernard and lyricist Richard B. Smith. Smith resided in the town of Honesdale, Pennsylvania, and was inspired to write the lyrics of the song after seeing Honesdale Central Park and his own childhood home blanketed in snow.

This Christmas season,
as we gather with family and
friends, may we all remember
the message of generosity,
peace and hope.

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Nathan Cooper
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'Tis the season

The story of the birth of Jesus

Christmas traditions focus on several different aspects of family and spiritual life. While many stories are shared around Christmastime, perhaps none bears more significance than the origin of the Christmas celebration. Sharing the Christmas story is an integral part of holiday gatherings, reminding families that faith is foremost during this festive time of year.

The conception of Jesus

Mary was a woman living in the Galilee area of Nazareth. She was engaged to a Jewish carpenter named Joseph. An angel visited the Virgin Mary and told her that she would conceive a child - a son - by the power of the Holy Spirit. When the son was born, she would name him Jesus. Mary questioned the angel, who reassured her that anything was possible by God and that Jesus would be God's own son.

Joseph was troubled when he found out Mary was with child and even considered breaking their engagement, which was allowed under Jewish law. But God soon sent another angel, this time to Joseph, in a dream. The angel reassured Joseph that his marriage to Mary and the birth of this child

were His will. Joseph awoke from his dream and took Mary as his wife soon after, ready and willing to raise the child despite the public humiliation he may experience.

The census

During this time the Romans had control over many parts of the world, including where Joseph and Mary resided. Ruler Caesar Augustus decreed that every person living under Roman rule had to return to his town of origin to participate in a census so everyone could be taxed accordingly. Joseph, hailing from Bethlehem, had to return to this town with his very pregnant bride.

They traveled for many days and, upon arriving in Bethlehem, found that the inns were full and there was no available lodging. Mary and Joseph took shelter in a stable and prepared to welcome their son.

Jesus' arrival

According to the Gospel of Luke, Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son, while in the stable. She wrapped him in cloth and placed him in a manger because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel



Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. -Luke Chapter 2

Many people visited the baby Jesus, including three wise men from the East who traveled by following a guiding star to bestow gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh on the baby king.

When Joseph and Mary had performed all the things necessary according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Nazareth with Jesus, who was growing strong in spirit and filled with wisdom and the grace of God.



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Della Siega stars as Colts beat Vipers



Mountainview Colts goalie Thomas Della Siega stops Red Deer Vipers forward Drew Joslin and defenseman Jack Vergouwen grabs the rebound in the slot in a 6-3 victory for the Colts Dec. 16.



Mountainview Colts goaltender Thomas Della Siega makes a pad save in a performance that led his team to a 6-3 victory over the Red Deer Vipers at the Memorial Complex on Dec. 16.



Red Deer Vipers goaltender Mack Patchett (1) and defenseman Jonathan Finnigan (21) watch as Mountainview Colts' Jack Vergouwan's (not in the photo) shot from the point, screened by Cole Anderson, (10) bounces inside the Vipers net for a power-play goal in the Colts' 6-3 victory Dec. 16.

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Clutch goaltending by Thomas Della Siega played a key role in the Mountainview Colts 20th victory of the 2015 - 2016 season, a 6-3 win over the Red Deer Vipers Dec. 16.

Della Siega stopped 28 shots, 12 of them in the third period when the Vipers stormed back from a 5-1 deficit to score twice before Della Siega stoned their comeback with two spectacular saves and Tyson

Schmidt scored an empty-netter with two minutes and 42 seconds remaining in the game.

It takes a team to hold first place in the northern division of the Heritage Junior B Hockey League, but goaltenders Della Siega and Jake Carlson consistently account for the Colts' success at the finish line in tight games.

Della Siega has a .910 save percentage and Carlson has a .902 save percentage, and Carlson recorded the only shut-out of the year.

The Colts had a three-point first place lead over archrival Airdrie Thunder, 40 to 37, after the Red Deer game and the Mountainview squad still had a game in hand.

Two other indicators of a winning game this year marked the victory over the Vipers - the Colts win when they stay out of the penalty box and if they score in the first period.

Mitchell Visser scored on a pass from Austin Pedersen at the 6:32 mark of the first frame to tie the game and the Colts were never behind in the score again.

As to penalties, Vipers Conner Verboa and Kevin Pinset started the only serious dust-up of contest at the midpoint of the game when Verboa speared a Colt and Pinset took Colt Quintin Thorburn for a waltz.

Pinset was banished from the game for his pains and gave a middle finger wave to the departing Thorburn who also received a game misconduct for defending his honour.

An element in the Red Deer comeback was that they were penalty-free in the third period while the Colts were tagged for two minor infractions.

Red Deer scored its second goal 29 seconds into the first powerplay and that started the team's rally.

The Vipers scored again less than a minute later and lagged 5-3, which seemed like a smaller margin as they outshot the Colts by 14 to 10 in the third period and looked like comeback kids until Schmidt's empty net goal.

However, when all was said and done, the Vipers had 25 penalty minutes and the Colts 23. Mountainview wins when they have the low score in penalties.

Austin Pedersen and Colton Anderson led the Colts scoring with four assists each. Schmidt had two goals and one assist. Jack Vergouwen and Jacob Vander Zaag notched a goal each.

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Commentary

Love, friendship are what Christmas is really all about

BY KRISTINE JEAN
MVP Staff

As my husband and I prepare to spend our first Christmas in Alberta this year, I can't help but stop and ponder the true meaning of Christmas and why

we celebrate the holiday. I think you'll all agree that Christmas has always been about the children - the smile on their faces, their sense of awe and wonder in the magic of Christmas and their expressions of joy and

excitement on Christmas Day.

But too often these days I find that adults and parents alike are caught up in the commercial side of Christmas and put too much focus on presents, toys and making sure

they have an abundance of gifts for their children under the Christmas tree.

I suppose you can't really blame them, seeing how materialistic and commercialized our society has become in recent years. But I think it's just

as important for people to share the spirit of Christmas with their children and families because Christmas is more than just giving and receiving presents, eating lots of food and being merry.

It's also a time to demonstrate love, peace and joy that are associated with Christmastime.

That reminds me of a couple of Christmases I spent in Europe several years ago. Not only was it my first time spending Christmas overseas, it was also the first time I spent Christmas away from loved ones and family.

However, in doing so, I was able to experience the true meaning of Christmas in a different country. I never could have imagined how much love, kindness and generosity my friends and acquaintances in Europe, including those from around the world, would show me during the holidays and at Christmastime.

I was certainly not alone those Christmases and enjoyed great company, friendship, and a sense of family while I lived in Europe.

I will never forget what several friends, acquaintances and I decided to do just a few days prior to Christmas one year.

For several months we had volunteered our time once a week on Sundays to help at a nearby refugee camp outside of Prague in the Czech Republic. We would visit with the adult refugees and play games with the children. There were refugees from all over the world and many of them had never experienced Christmas or even snow.

One day we decided to gather volunteers, food and gifts for both the children and adults and give them a Christmas to remember.

It was an incredible experience to hand out small gifts and see the joy on children's faces and the smiles on their parents too, as many unwrapped their first Christmas present. Hundreds of refugee families and dozens of volunteers came together that day and sang Christmas carols, enjoyed a meal together, and shared stories and companionship.

The Christmas we spent with refugee families helped me realize a different way of giving at Christmas. It's not always about things or materialistic items.

It's giving your time, love, and friendship to those in need that brings the true meaning of Christmas.

Church Directory

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SCHEIDT, Elsie

August 12, 1931 - December 10, 2015



It is with great sadness that, after a long and valiant battle with cancer, we announce the passing of our loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Elsie Scheidt on Thursday, December 10, 2015 in Calgary, Alberta. Elsie was born August 12, 1931 in Chipman, Alberta. She was the youngest child and only daughter of Sam and Dora Hrehirchek.

Elsie is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Walter; her 4 children, Barbara (Barry) Fox of Calgary, Laura Lee (Wayne) Hrabok of Didsbury, Darrell (Karen) Scheidt of Didsbury and Carol (Tom) Hadway of Didsbury. Elsie was a loving grandmother and wonderful cook who will be sorely missed by her 9 cookie eating grandchildren, Megan Fox (Ben Heisler) of Calgary, Cassandra Hrabok (Jeff McKinnon) of Evanberg, Lindley Hrabok of Red Deer, Cole Scheidt (Lauren Walsh) of Red Deer, Rebecca Scheidt of Didsbury, Dayna Hadway (Caiti Cameron) of Didsbury, Will Hadway of Didsbury, Andie Hadway of Calgary, Josie Hadway of Didsbury and her 3 great grandchildren, who were proud cookie eaters in training, Blake and Jhett Hrabok of Evansberg and Carter Cameron of Didsbury. She will be also be missed by her numerous nieces, nephews and their families. Elsie was predeceased by her mother and father, Sam and Dora; and her four brothers, Wladimir, William, Peter and Edward.

Elsie's family would like extend their sincerest thanks to the doctors and staff at the Rosedale Hospice for the loving care and kindness that Elsie received while a patient there and for the support that was given to each and every member of the family during this difficult time. Special thanks is also extended to the staff of the Fanning Centre in Calgary for their wonderful support of Walter during Elsie's illness, to the community of Didsbury and to our supportive and caring family and friends.

A Celebration of Elsie's Life was held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at Knox United Church, Didsbury, AB. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Elsie's memory to Rosedale Hospice, 920 - 7A Street NW, Calgary, AB, T2M 3J4. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.mylifealternatives.ca.



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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Kathleen Amelia Harnack (nee Allsop) on December 14, 2015 in the Innisfail Hospital at the age of 87 years. She was born August 8, 1928 and raised in Irricana. She later met and married the love of her George Harnack in 1948 in Crossfield where they started a life together farming. They relocated to Didsbury to continue farming and then the last 10 years they moved to Innisfail to resume a quiet life. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 67 years, George; 2 sons Kerry Harnack of Didsbury, Walden (Chrystal) Harnack of Leduc; 9 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; sister Connie Lintach, Verna (Gordon) Hobbs; brothers Gerald Allsop, Alfred (Carol) Allsop, Dale (Pauline) Allsop as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Kathleen was predeceased by her parents Ivy and John; daughter Marleen; son Trevor and sisters Mirram and Alice. Funeral Mass was held at St. Stephens Catholic Church, Olds on Friday, December 18, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with Father Adam Daniluk celebrant. Interment followed in the Innisfail Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Alberta Cancer Foundation. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Innisfail entrusted with arrangements. 403-227-0006



HARNACK



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Trevor Neil Harnack on December 12, 2015 in the Red Deer Hospital at the age of 58 years. He was born October 5, 1957 in Crossfield. Trevor sent most of his younger years in Didsbury and then later moved to Innisfail where he helped on his mom and dad's farm. He also worked as a welder and did some trucking for part of his life. He will be lovingly remembered by his father George; 2 brothers Kerry Harnack of Didsbury, Walden (Chrystal) Harnack of Leduc as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Trevor was predeceased by his mother Kathleen and sister Marleen. Funeral Mass was held at St. Stephens Catholic Church, Olds on Friday, December 18, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with Father Adam Daniluk celebrant. Interment followed in the Innisfail Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

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To all of our friends and clients,

Well, it appears that the Christmas season has sneaked up on us once again. We remember back as kids thinking it took forever for Christmas to come and scoffing at the older folks who assured us it would come soon enough. I guess that means we're the "older folks" now.

That being said we're not too old to enjoy this festive time of year and all that comes with it. Things like family gatherings, gift exchanges, company parties, getting together with friends and so on. Of course with all of the activities and hoopla going on it tends to be a very busy time of year for us. One thing we desire for ourselves and all of you is that we do not forget the reason that Christmas is even celebrated. The fact that God chose to offer us the gift of life through his son Jesus and the way that He made it happen is nothing short of a miracle. It is, quite simply, a story that no person could make up; the Savior of the world giving up His place in heaven to be born a vulnerable little baby in a barn of all places. Amazing!

We have been encouraged with another great year in our business and need to thank each and every one of you who had a part in that. As our way of blessing as we have been blessed we are once again giving, on our clients' behalf, to a couple of groups that are very near and dear to our hearts; locally the Westglen School Breakfast Program and internationally, God's Littlest Angels Orphanage in Haiti.

We pray that you and your loved ones will have a very merry Christmas and a wonderful 2016!

Allen and Rod
"The Porch Boyz"



*For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

Join us at Zion Church on Christmas Eve for hot cider
at 6:30 followed by a candlelight service at 7:00.
Everyone welcome!